

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

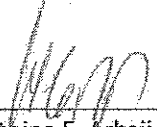
For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 22, located at 4811 Airport Plaza, Suite 600, Long Beach, CA 90815 proposes to enter into a firm-fixed price contract based on justification for other than full and open competition for the VA Long Beach Healthcare System. The Purchase request number is 600-12-7-5923-0300.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a new procurement and the contract contemplated will be firm fixed price contract.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The requirement is to provide the Long Beach VAMC with construction services to demolish existing and install new trench covers, and insulate steam lines within one day of notice to proceed.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** 41 USC §253(c) (2), as implemented by FAR 6.302.2

(X) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** There exists an unusual and compelling urgent requirement due to dangerous existing conditions on the steam lines on the east side of Building 2. Currently, a portion of steam supply and condensate return piping exists in a shallow concrete trench. Presently, the trenches are covered with a number of 2ftx6ft concrete slabs that are cracked broken and some are covered with metal plates. The insulation on the piping has deteriorated considerably. The piping is approximately 20 years of age and has failed with severe steam leak at 90 psi. New concrete covers are urgently needed to contain any leaks and prevent injury to patients, staff, and public. VA would be subject to severe safety liability would the steam leak and burn veterans, staff, or public as this is adjacent to a heavily foot trafficked area.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
Offers were solicited from several Service Disable Veteran Owned Contractors. Two offers were received.

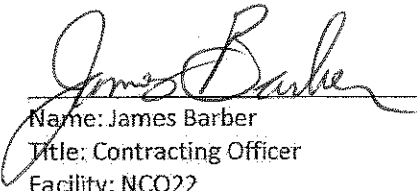
7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: The anticipated dollar value for the contract action is \$91,665.50. The project has been determined to be Construction in accordance with FAR 2.101; cost or pricing data will not be required in accordance with 15.403-1(a). The Contracting Officer determines that the anticipated price will be fair and reasonable, based on market research and comparison of offers with the independent government estimate.
8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: A limited amount of market research was conducted, due to the urgency of the requirement. The results of market research indicated that there are several Service-Disable Veteran-Owned contractors with previous healthcare environment experience that could meet the requirement.
9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: None.
10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition: See Section VI above.
11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required: A presolicitation synopsis would be posted in accordance with FAR 5.201 for the new need.
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12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Name: Antoine E. Arbaji
Title: Chief, Engineering
Facility: Engineering, VA Long Beach

8/15/12
Date

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

- a. Contracting Officer's Certification (required) I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Name: James Barber
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: NCO22

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- b. **VISN/PCA QA (Required \$3K and above):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

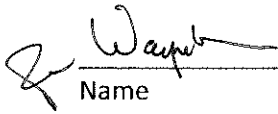
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- c. **NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Name

Network Contract Manager

VISN/PCA X

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Date

- d. **SAO QA (If over 500K):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name

Title

Facility

Date

- e. **SAO (If over 500K):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Name

Director

Service Area Office, West

Date

- f. **VHA HCA Review and Approval:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (if over \$10million) or approve (\$500K to 10 million) for other than full and open competition.

Norbert S. Doyle
Acting Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer
VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

Date

- g. **VA Deputy Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$10 million but not exceeding \$50 million)**: I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

Iris B. Cooper
Deputy Senior Procurement Executive (DSPE)
Office of Acquisition and Logistics
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date

- h. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 million)**: I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

Jan R. Frye
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics
Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date